

AN INFANT OR CHILD RIDING IN THE FRONT SEAT CAN BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY THE INFLATING AIR BAG.

An air bag is not a soft pillow. The forces of an air bag can hurt people who are too close to it.

Air Bag Safety Tips:

- Infants in rear-facing car seats must never ride in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger side air bag.
- Children 12 and under should ride buckled up in a rear seat.
- Everyone should buckle up with both lap AND shoulder belt.
- Driver and front passenger seats should be moved as far back from the dashboard as practical.
- Check your vehicle owner’s manual and the instructions provided with your child safety seat for information on air bags and safety seat use.



DO NOT USE THESE DEVICES
instead of car seats



Household carrier

Travel bed

Cloth carrier

THIS CHILD IS IN GREAT DANGER!

He is using only the lap part of the lap/shoulder belt and is perched on the edge of the seat, very close to the air bag.

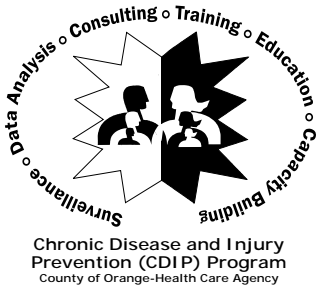


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(714) 834-3059

For more information
about car seat safety, call:
(800) 745-SAFE

For car seat check-up information call:
(714) 796-0173 English
(714) 796-0174 Spanish

Parents who are financially eligible can rent infant seats and buy convertible seats at a low price from Children’s Hospital of Orange County (CHOC). Call (714) 532-8887 (English) or (714) 289-4091 (Spanish) for more information or to make an appointment.

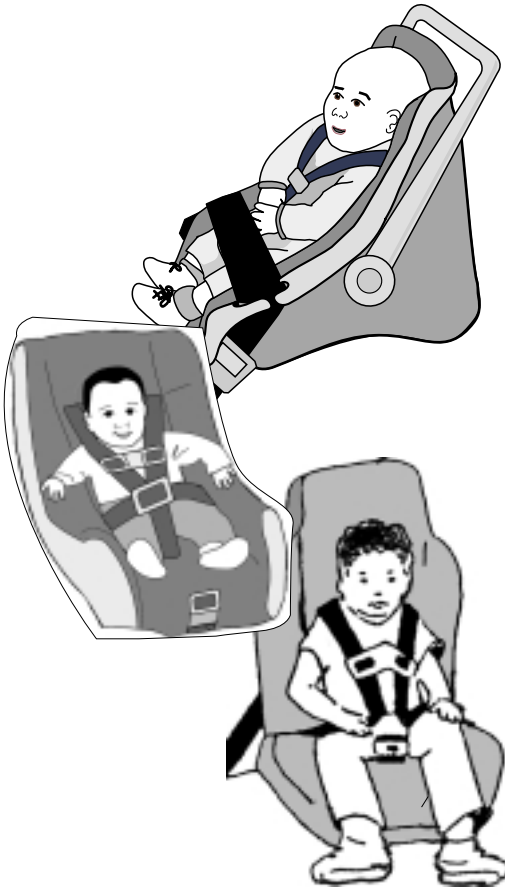


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ARE YOUR CHILDREN SAFE?



BUCKLE THEM UP RIGHT!
IT'S THE LAW

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YOUR CHILDREN DEPEND ON YOU TO KEEP THEM SAFE



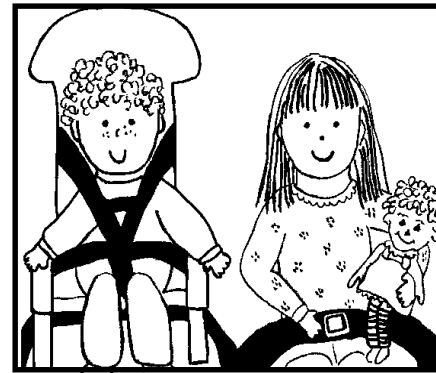
The law says that children *must* be in a car seat until they are at least 4 years of age and also weigh at least 40 pounds.

Children weighing over 40 lbs. must be in a booster seat that meets federal standards until they are 7 years of age.

If children are not in car seats, you could be fined up to \$271.



The law says that *everyone* over 4 years of age and 40 pounds must wear a seat belt all the time. The back seat is always the safest place to ride.



The law says that you must make sure that children riding in your car are in car seats or seat belts, even if they are not your children.

In the United States, many children are hurt or killed in car crashes. Traffic crashes are the main cause of children's deaths.

Unbuckled children can be hurt or killed even when the car is not going fast.

CHILDREN ARE NEVER SAFE IN YOUR LAP



If the car stops suddenly or is in a crash, you will not be able to protect your child. Your body will crush your child, or your child will be thrown against the inside of the car.

GUIDELINES FOR PROPER USE OF THE 4 TYPES OF CAR SEATS:

ALWAYS PLACE IN BACK SEAT

INFANT



Use these seats:

- From about 5 lbs. to about 20 lbs.
- Rear facing in the car

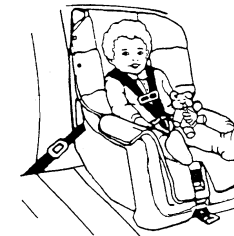
Note: Infants must ride rear-facing to 12 months of age regardless of weight.

NEVER PLACE A REAR-FACING CAR SEAT IN FRONT OF AN AIR BAG

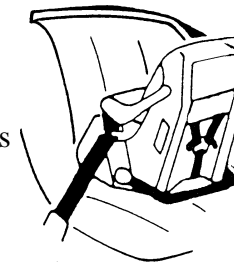
CONVERTIBLE

Use these seats:

- From about 5 lbs. to about 40 lbs.
- Rear-facing for infants



- Forward-facing after 12 months of age



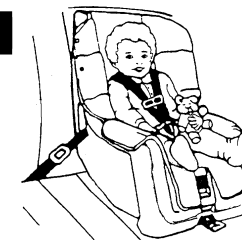
Note: Move harness straps up over the reinforced bar when seat is facing forward.

NEVER PLACE A CHILD UNDER 12 MONTHS OF AGE OR UNDER 20 LBS. FORWARD-FACING

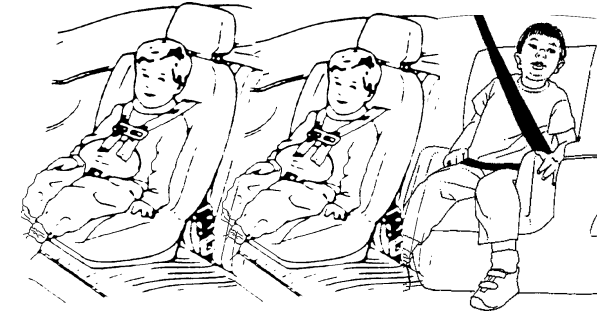
CHILD SEATS

Use these seats:

- From 12 months of age and
- Children weighing over 20 lbs.



BOOSTER



Use these seats:

- From 30 lbs. to about 60–80 lbs.

NEVER PLACE A CHILD IN A SHOULDER/LAP BELT UNTIL IT FITS THE CHILD PROPERLY

THE BEST CAR SEAT:

- Fits your child
- Fits your vehicle
- Is one you will use correctly and consistently

READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS PRIOR TO USING YOUR CAR SEAT.

Support baby's head and body—
Use rolled
diapers,
blankets

